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INITIAL
SEARCH

April 7, 2003

Mr. Bryon R. Wilson, III
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Re: United States Patent Novelty Search
TEE STICKER → *SUBSEQUENT INVENTION NOW CALLED
 Our File No. WBA-100*

Dear Mr. Wilson:

In accordance with your instructions we conducted a preliminary novelty search in the United States Patent and Trademark Office for your invention of a device that permits a golfer to tee the ball up without bending over. This prevents and avoids most back problems. It fits in the pocket of pants while swinging the club and is easily stored in the cubby hole of most golf carts, in accordance with the disclosure provided.

The patents of significant interest include the following:

| <u>INVENTOR</u> | <u>PATENT NO.</u> | <u>DATE OF PATENT</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Brant et al. | 6,254,497 B1 | July 3, 2001 |
| Jack Palmer | 6,053,821 | April 25, 2000 |
| Timothy M. Petersen | 6,004,227 | December 21, 1999 |
| David R. Corriveau | 5,928,091 | July 27, 1999 |
| Sun Hyo Park | 5,913,737 | June 22, 1999 |
| T. Lee Dahlmann | 5,772,533 | June 30, 1998 |
| Charles Erickson, Jr. | 5,759,117 | June 2, 1998 |
| Berkowitz, et al. | 5,707,303 | January 13, 1998 |
| Joseph Cretella | 5,645,498 | July 8, 1997 |

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| Nichols et al. | 5,632,696 | May 27, 1997 |
| Richard D. Keller | 5,540,432 | July 30, 1996 |
| Roger W. Ahner | 5,494,279 | February 27, 1996 |
| Lotte K. Vogrin | 5,165,744 | November 24, 1992 |
| August H. Wolf | 5,080,357 | January 14, 1992 |
| Wesley J. Tobias | 4,969,646 | November 13, 1990 |
| James F. Kopfle | 4,951,947 | August 27, 1990 |
| Clyde E. Henthom | 4,714,250 | December 22, 1987 |
| John E. Murdock, Jr. | 3,671,037 | June 20, 1972 |

Each of these patents shows various forms of golf tee setting devices. Note in particular the Dahlmann patent which shows a device that can be clipped on a golfer's belt, and uses the handle of a golf club to insert the tee into the ground. See for example, Figures 5B and 5C.

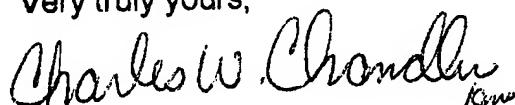
Accordingly, in my opinion, it would be very difficult to obtain significant utility patent protection on your device as disclosed to me. **I now apply for utility patent.*

We may be able to obtain design patent protection which protects the particular ornamental features of your device, however, it does not prevent others from making other forms of golf tee setting devices.

The process takes a couple of years. We can file a Design Patent Application and our services and costs will be about \$750 to start the process.

If you have any questions feel free to give me a call.

Very truly yours,



Charles W. Chandler

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Enclosure